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Inside Transportation News is a vehicle for sharing relevant information with transportation and planning professionals and other National Park Service partners.

Asset Management Peer Exchange – Nathaniel Coley, Federal Highway Administration



The Federal Highway Administration will host a peer exchange on life-cycle cost analysis in early November in Kansas City, Missouri. [Life-cycle cost analysis](#) is an engineering economic tool that helps transportation officials to evaluate their investment options and choose the most cost-effective alternatives. The upcoming peer exchange workshop will provide practitioners with a venue to share their ideas and experiences. For further information, please e-mail nathaniel.coley@fhwa.dot.gov.

New Resource Available on Start-up and Operation of Public Transit – Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida



The "[Guidebook for Start-up Transit Agencies](#)" by Ann Joslin and Jay A. Goodwill is designed to help agencies in the process of initiating first-time transit systems. This 104-page report offers a comprehensive overview of the planning and programming aspects of the public transportation environment. The document also outlines the steps involved in implementing new transit systems, and provides a basic understanding of the institutional framework at the local, state, and federal levels.

Get Fuel Facts and Figures Online – Consensus



A [fact sheet on different transportation fuels](#), including current availability and cost per gallon, is available from Consensus. This website features news and events related to energy resources for transportation. [Consensus](#) is sponsored by the California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, Clean Energy, and the Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition.

Automated Lanes at National Park Entrance Stations – Jonathan Upchurch, National Park Transportation Scholar



[*"Service Times, Capacity, and Operating Characteristics of Automated Lanes at National Park Entrance Stations"*](#) is based on data collected at Rocky Mountain's Beaver Meadows entrance station. Any park that is considering an automated lane should fully consider the advantages and disadvantages of automated lane operation. Contact information is provided for five parks with experience in implementing this technology. Also, the author would be happy to assist any park in evaluating the appropriateness of an automated lane.

Cape Cod Regional Transit: New Flexible Service – Ben Pearson, National Park Service



The Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority reports that during its first six weeks of operation, patronage on the Lower/Outer Cape's new [*Flex bus*](#) was significantly more than expected and is growing at a pace that could put yearly ridership at two to three times the original forecast. The success of this transit system is attributed to frequency of service, affordable fares, parking shortages, high fuel prices, intensive community involvement, quality operations and effective marketing. The National Park Service and the Federal Lands Highway program provided the funds to purchase buses in support of this service.

Complete the Streets Newsletter – Laura Loomis, National Parks Conservation Association



You may be interested in the [*"Complete the Streets News"*](#) issued by the National Complete Streets Coalition. This electronic publication provides a roundup of news related to policies to ensure that the entire right of way is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users.

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